MATH1013 Calculus I

Introduction to Functions¹

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Primitives

Definition Let F(x) and f(x) be two given functions defined on an interval I. If

$$F'(x) = f(x)$$
, holds for all x in I

then we say F(x) is called a *primitive* or an anti-derivative of f(x). We use the notation

$$F(x) = \int f(x) \, dx$$

to denoted that F is a primitive of f, and we call the process of finding a primitive F for f indefinite integration (or simply integration).

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Examples

Remark We note that if F(x) is a primitive of f(x), then F(x) + C, where C is an arbitrary constant, is also a primitive of f(x) since

$$(F(x) + C)' = F'(x) + 0 = f(x).$$

We call *C* a constant of integration. Examples

•
$$\int x \, dx = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C$$
,
• $\int 2x \, dx = x^2 + C$,
• $\int x^2 dx = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + C$,
• $\int x^8 dx = \frac{1}{9}x^9 + C$.

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Non-uniqueness

Recall from that Theorem 4.11 that if the derivatives of two functions F_1 , F_2 agree on I: i.e., $F'_1(x) = F'_2(x)$, then F_1 , F_2 differ by a constant. That is,

 $F_1(x) = F_2(x) + k$, holds for all x in I

for some constant k.



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Primitives of monomials x^p

Theorem 4.17 Let $p \neq -1$ be a real number. Then

$$\int x^p \, dx = \frac{1}{p+1} x^{p+1} + C,$$

for some arbitrary constant *C*. **Examples**

•
$$\int \sqrt[2]{x^3} dx = \int x^{3/2} dx = \frac{x^{3/2+1}}{\frac{3}{2}+1} + C = \frac{2}{5}x^{5/2} + C$$

• $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt[2]{x^3}} dx = \int x^{-3/2} dx = \frac{x^{-3/2+1}}{-3/2+1} + C = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{x}} + C$
• $\int \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \int x^{-2} dx = \frac{x^{-2+1}}{-2+1} + C = \frac{-1}{x} + C.$
• $\int \frac{1}{x^4} dx = \frac{x^{-4+1}}{-4+1} + C = \int x^{-4} dx = \frac{-1}{3x^3} + C.$

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Exercises

1.
$$\int x^{15} dx,$$

2.
$$\int x^{-12} dx,$$

3.
$$\int x^{-12} dx,$$

4.
$$\int 3x^4 dx,$$

5.
$$\int \sqrt{x} dx,$$

6.
$$\int \sqrt[4]{x^5} dx,$$

7.
$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt[7]{x^8}} dx$$

8.
$$\int \frac{4}{\sqrt[4]{x}} dx.$$

Remark Differentiate your answers to verify whether they are correct.

Linear combinations

Since

$$\frac{d(f+g)}{dx} = \frac{df}{dx} + \frac{dg}{dx} \text{ and } \frac{d(kf)}{dx} = k \frac{df}{dx},$$

where k is a constant. So we deduce

$$\int f(x) + g(x) \, dx = \int f(x) \, dx + \int g(x) \, dx$$

and

$$\int k f(x) dx = k \int f(x) dx,$$

where k is a constant. We can easily generalize the above consideration to linear combination of $\{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$

$$\int k_1 f_1(x) + k_2 f_2(x) + \dots + k_n f_n(x) dx$$

= $k_1 \int f_1(x) dx + k_2 \int f_2(x) dx + \dots + k_n \int f_n(x) dx$
where $\{k_1, \dots, k_n\}$.

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Finding primitive examples

1. $\int x^{3/2} + \frac{1}{x^{3/2}} + \frac{2}{x^3} dx = \int x^{3/2} dx + \int x^{-3/2} dx + 2 \int x^{-3} dx$ $= \left(\frac{2}{5}x^{5/2} + c_1\right) - 2x^{-\frac{1}{2}} + c_2 + (-x^{-2} + c_3)$ $= \frac{2}{5}x^{5/2} - 2x^{-\frac{1}{2}} - x^{-2} + C.$

2.

$$\int y^{1/2} (1+y)^2 \, dy = \int y^{1/2} (1+2y+y^2) \, dy$$

$$= \int y^{1/2} \, dy + \int 2y^{3/2} \, dy + \int y^{5/2} \, dy = \frac{2}{3} y^{3/2} + \frac{4}{5} y^{5/2} + \frac{2}{7} y^{7/2} + C.$$
3.

$$\int \frac{1}{t^{1/2}} (1+t)^2 \, dt = \int t^{-1/2} (1+2t+t^2) \, dt$$

$$= \int t^{-1/2} \, dt + 2 \int t^{1/2} \, dt + \int t^{3/2} \, dt = 2t_{4}^{1/2} + \frac{4}{3} t^{3/2} + \frac{2}{55} t^{5/2} + C.$$

Primitives of trigonometric functions

Indefinite Integrals of Trigonometric Functions

1.
$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin ax) = a\cos ax \rightarrow \int \cos ax \, dx = \frac{1}{a}\sin ax + C$$

2. $\frac{d}{dx}(\cos ax) = -a\sin ax \rightarrow \int \sin ax \, dx = -\frac{1}{a}\cos ax + C$
3. $\frac{d}{dx}(\tan ax) = a\sec^2 ax \rightarrow \int \sec^2 ax \, dx = \frac{1}{a}\tan ax + C$
4. $\frac{d}{dx}(\cot ax) = -a\csc^2 ax \rightarrow \int \csc^2 ax \, dx = -\frac{1}{a}\cot ax + C$
5. $\frac{d}{dx}(\sec ax) = a\sec ax \tan ax \rightarrow \int \sec ax \tan ax \, dx = \frac{1}{a}\sec ax + C$
6. $\frac{d}{dx}(\csc ax) = -a\csc ax \cot ax \rightarrow \int \csc ax \cot ax \, dx = -\frac{1}{a}\csc ax + C$
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Primitives of various special functions

Other Definite Integrals

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^{ax}) = ae^{ax} \rightarrow \int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a}e^{ax} + C$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln|x|) = \frac{1}{x} \rightarrow \int \frac{dx}{x} = \ln|x| + C \quad (\text{for } x \neq 0)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left[\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)\right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} \rightarrow \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C \quad (\text{for } |x| \leq |a|, a > 0)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left[\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)\right] = \frac{a}{x^2 + a^2} \rightarrow \int \frac{dx}{x^2 + a^2} = \frac{1}{a}\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C \quad (\text{for all } x \text{ and } a \neq 0)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\sec^{-1}\left|\frac{x}{a}\right|\right) = \frac{a}{x\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} \rightarrow \int \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} = \frac{1}{a}\sec^{-1}\left|\frac{x}{a}\right| + C \quad (\text{for } |x| \geq a > 0)$$
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Examples

• (p. 320)
$$\int (\sin 2y + \cos 3y) dy$$

• (p. 315) $\int (\sec^2 3x + \cos \frac{x}{2}) dx$
• (p. 316) $\int (e^{-10x} + e^{x/10}) dx$
• (p. 316) $\int \frac{4}{\sqrt{9 - x^2}} dx$,
• (p. 316) $\int \frac{1}{16t^2 + 1} dt$.

Initial value problems

The simplest differential equation of first order is of the form

f'(x) = G(x), where G(x) is a given function; f(a) = b, where *a*, *b* are given initial condition.

The f'(x) = G(x) which is called a first order differential equation, together with the initial value condition is called an initial value problem (IVP).

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An example of IVP

Example (p. 317) Solve the IVP

$$f'(x) = x^2 - 2x,$$

 $f(1) = \frac{1}{3}.$

So a simple integration yields

$$f(x) = \int (x^2 - 2x) \, dx = \frac{1}{3} \, x^3 - x^2 + C.$$

But $\frac{1}{3} = f(1) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 1^3 - 1^2 + C$ implies that C = 1. So $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - x^2 + 1.$

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Sketch of the last IVP



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Example 6 (p. 318)

Race runner A begins at the point s(0) = 0 and runs with velocity v(t) = 2t. Runner B starts at the point S(0) = 8 and runs with velocity V(t) = 2. Find the positions of the runner for $t \ge 0$ and determine who is ahead at t = 6. We have two IVP here. Namely,

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = v(t) = 2t, \qquad s(0) = 0.$$

with solution $s(t) = t^2$ and

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = V(t) = 2, \qquad S(0) = 8$$

with solution S(t) = 2t + 8. Therefore, the two runners meet when s(t) = S(t), meaning that $t^2 - 2t - 8 = 0$. That is, t = 4.

Example 6 (p. 318) figure



Example 7 (p. 319)

Neglecting air resistance, the motion of an object moving vertically near Earth's surface is determined by the acceleration due to gravity, which is approx. 9.8 m/s^2 . Suppose a stone is thrown vertically upward at t = 0 with a velocity of 40 m/s from the edge of a cliff that is 100 m above a river.

- 1. Find the velocity v(t) of the object, for $t \ge 0$, and in particular, when the object starts to fall back down.
- 2. Find the position s(t) of the object, for $t \ge 0$.
- 3. Find the maximum height of the object above the river.
- 4. With what speed does the object strike the river?

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We measure the height function s(t) from the sea level and adopt the upward direction to be our positive direction. Thus the initial height is s(0) = 100.

(1) The acceleration $\frac{dv}{dt}$ due to gravity pointing to the centre of Earth, which is therefore negative. In fact we have the IVP:

$$rac{dv(t)}{dt} = v'(t) = -9.8, \qquad v(0) = 40$$

Solving the DE gives v(t) = -9.8t + C. Thus

$$40 = v(0) = -9.8(0) + C,$$

giving C = 40. Hence v(t) = -9.8t + 40. The object starts to fall back down after it reached the maximum height, where v(t) = 0, that is, when v(t) = -9.8t + 40 = 0, giving $t \approx 4.1$ s.

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(2) The height s(t) satisfies the IVP

$$\frac{ds(t)}{dt} = v(t) = -9.8t + 40, \qquad s(0) = 100.$$

Solving the DE yields

$$s(t) = -4.9t^2 + 40t + C.$$

The initial condition s(0) = 100 implies that 100 = s(0) = C. So

$$s(t) = -4.9t^2 + 40t + 100.$$

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(3) As a result the maximum height is reached when the parabolic s(t) is at its critical point:

$$0=\frac{ds}{dt}=v(t)=-9.8t+40,$$

That is, when $t \approx 4.1$ s. Thus the maximum height is

 $s(4.1) \approx 182$ m.

(4) The object hits the sea when s(t) = 0. Solving the quadratic Eqn s(t) = 0 gives us two roots, namely $t \approx -2$ (which is to be discarded) and $t \approx 10.2$. So the velocity of the object when it strike the sea is given by

 $v(10.2) \approx -9.8(10.2) + 400 = -59.96 \approx -60.$





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Area under curve

We shall consider continuous functions defined on a closed interval only. The aim is to develop a theory that can be used to find area of the region under the given function.



Example

We consider the problem of finding the area under the straight line f(x) = x for the interval $0 \le x \le 1$.

We divide the interval [0, 1] into five subintervals of equal width. By a *partition* of [0, 1] with five points: $\{x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5\}$ of [0, 1]. So we have the subintervals:

$$[x_0, x_1] = [0, 1/5]$$

$$[x_1, x_2] = [1/5, 2/5]$$

$$[x_2, x_3] = [2/5, 3/5]$$

$$[x_3, x_4] = [3/5, 4/5]$$

$$[x_4, x_5] = [4/5, 5/5]$$

Upper sum

We consider the maximum values attained by f in each of the above intervals:

$$f(x_1) = f(1/5) = 1/5,$$

$$f(x_2) = f(2/5) = 2/5,$$

$$f(x_3) = f(3/5) = 3/5,$$

$$f(x_4) = f(4/5) = 4/5,$$

$$f(x_5) = f(5/5) = 5/5 = 1$$

Let us sum the areas of the five rectangles each of which has the maximum height in $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$ and with base 1/n. Thus we have

$$\overline{S_5} = f\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)\frac{1}{5} + f\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)\frac{1}{5} + f\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)\frac{1}{5} + f\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)\frac{1}{5} + f\left(\frac{5}{5}\right)\frac{1}{5} \\ = \frac{1}{25}(1+2+3+4+5) = \frac{15}{25} = \frac{3}{25},$$

is called an *upper sum* of f over [0, 1] with respect to the above partition. The approximation 3/25 is larger than the actual area.

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Lower sum

We consider the minimum values attained by f in each of the above intervals:

$$f(x_0) = f(0/5) = 0/5,$$

$$f(x_1) = f(1/5) = 1/5,$$

$$f(x_2) = f(2/5) = 2/5,$$

$$f(x_3) = f(3/5) = 3/5,$$

$$f(x_4) = f(4/5) = 4/5.$$

Let us sum the areas of the five rectangles each of which has the minimum height in $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$ and with base 1/n. Thus we have

$$\underline{S}_{5} = f\left(\frac{0}{5}\right)\frac{1}{5} + f\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)\frac{1}{5} + f\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)\frac{1}{5} + f\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)\frac{1}{5} + f\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)\frac{1}{5} \\ = \frac{1}{25}(0+1+2+3+4) = \frac{10}{25} = \frac{2}{5},$$

is called an *lower sum* of f over [0, 1] with respect to the above partition. The approximation 2/25 is smaller than the actual area.

Upper and Lower sums figues

Suppose the value of the area that we are to find is *A*. Then we clearly see from the figure below that the following inequalities must hold:



Upper and lower sums: genearal case

It is also clear that the above argument that we divide [0, 1] into five equal intervals is nothing special. Hence the same argument applies for any number of intervals. Hence we must have

$$\underline{S}_n \le A \le \overline{S}_n,\tag{2}$$

where n is any positive integer. We partition [0, 1] into n equal subintervals:

$$\{x_0, x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{n-1}, x_n\} = \{0, \frac{1}{n}, \frac{2}{n}, \ldots, \frac{n-1}{n}, \frac{n}{n}\}.$$

and the width of each of the subintervals of 1/n.

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Upper sum: genearal case

Hence the upper sum is

$$\overline{S}_{n} = f\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\frac{1}{n} + f\left(\frac{2}{n}\right)\frac{1}{n} + \dots + f\left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)\frac{1}{n} + f\left(\frac{n}{n}\right)\frac{1}{n} \\ = \frac{1}{n}\frac{1}{n}\frac{1}{n} + \frac{2}{n}\frac{1}{n} + \dots + \frac{n-1}{n}\frac{1}{n} + \frac{n}{n}\frac{1}{n} \\ = \frac{1}{n^{2}}\left(1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (n-1) + n\right) \\ = \frac{1}{n^{2}}\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\ = \frac{1}{2}\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right).$$

Note that we have used the fundamental formula that

$$1+2+3+\cdots+(n-1)+n=\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

Lower sum: genearal case

Hence the lower sum is

$$\underline{S_n} = f\left(\frac{0}{n}\right)\frac{1}{n} + f\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\frac{1}{n} + \dots + f\left(\frac{n-2}{n}\right)\frac{1}{n} + f\left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)\frac{1}{n} \\
= \frac{1}{n}\frac{0}{n} + \frac{1}{n}\frac{1}{n} + \dots + \frac{n-2}{n}\frac{1}{n} + \frac{n-1}{n}\frac{1}{n} \\
= \frac{1}{n^2}\left(0 + 1 + 2 + \dots + (n-2) + n - 1\right) \\
= \frac{1}{n^2}\frac{(n-1)n}{2} = \frac{1}{2}\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right).$$

We deduce that

$$\frac{1}{2}\big(1-\frac{1}{n}\big) \leq A \leq \frac{1}{2}\big(1+\frac{1}{n}\big), \qquad \text{for all } n.$$

Letting $n \to +\infty$ gives that $\frac{1}{2} \le A \le \frac{1}{2}$. That is A = 1/2 and

$$\lim_{n \to +\infty} \overline{S}_n = 1/2 = \lim_{n \to +\infty} \underline{S}_n.$$

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Riemann sums

We consider a closed interval [a, b] and let

$$P = \{x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n\}, \quad \Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1} = \frac{b-a}{n}, i = 1, \dots, n$$

to be any points lying inside [a, b]. Let f(x) be a continuous function defined on [a, b]. Then we define a Riemann sum of f(x) over [a, b] with respect to partition P to be the sum

$$f(x_1^*)\Delta x_1 + f(x_2^*)\Delta x_2 + \cdots + f(x_n^*)\Delta x_n$$

where x_i^* is an arbitrary point lying in $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Depending on the choices of x_i^* , we have

- 1. Left Riemann sum if $x_i^* = x_{i-1}$;
- 2. Right Riemann sum if $x_i^* = x_i$;
- 3. Mid-point Riemann sum if $x_i^* = (x_{i-1} + x_i)/2$.

Riemann sum figure



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Left Riemann sum figure



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Right Riemann sum figure



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Mid-point Riemann sum figure



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Riemann sum of Sine

We compute various Riemann sums under the sine curve from x = 0 to $x = \pi/2$ with six intervals. So we have

$$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{\pi/2 - 0}{6} = \frac{\pi}{12}$$

• Left Riemann sum gives

 $f(x_1^*) \Delta x_1 + f(x_2^*) \Delta x_2 + \dots + f(x_n^*) \Delta x_n \approx 0.863$

• Right Riemann sum gives

 $f(x_1^*) \Delta x_1 + f(x_2^*) \Delta x_2 + \dots + f(x_n^*) \Delta x_n \approx 1.125$

Mid-point Riemann sum gives

 $f(x_1^*) \Delta x_1 + f(x_2^*) \Delta x_2 + \dots + f(x_n^*) \Delta x_n \approx 1.003$

So we have $0.863 \le 1.003 \le 1.125$.

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Partition of Riemann sum of Sine

Table 5.2

x	f(x)
0	1
0.5	3
1.0	4.5
1.5	5.5
2.0	6.0

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Partition of Riemann sum of Sine

THEOREM 5.1 Sums of Positive Integers Let *n* be a positive integer.

Sum of a constant c:	$\sum_{k=1}^{n} c = cn$
Sum of the first n integers:	$\sum_{k=1}^{n} k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$
Sum of squares of the first n integers:	$\sum_{k=1}^{n} k^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$
Sum of cubes of the first n integers:	$\sum_{k=1}^{n} k^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$

Figure: (Publisher Theorem 5.1)

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Example 5 (p. 334)

After choosing a partition that divides [0, 2] into 50 subintervals:

$$\Delta x_k = x_k - x_{k-1} = \frac{2-0}{50} = \frac{1}{25} = 0.04.$$

The Right Riemann Sum is given by

$$\sum_{k=1}^{50} f(x_k^*) \Delta x_k = \sum_{k=1}^{50} f(x_k) (x_k - x_{k-1})$$
$$= \sum_{k=1}^{50} f(\frac{k}{25}) (0.04) = \sum_{k=1}^{50} \left[\left(\frac{k}{25}\right)^3 + 1 \right] (0.04)$$
$$= \left[\frac{1}{25^3} \left(\frac{50 \cdot 51}{2} \right)^2 + 50 \right] (0.04) = 6.1616.$$

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The Left Riemann Sum is given by



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Example 5 (p. 334) III

After choosing a partition that divides [0, 2] into *n* subintervals:

$$\Delta x_k = x_k - x_{k-1} = \frac{2 - 0}{n} = \frac{2}{n}$$

The Right Riemann Sum is given by

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} f(x_k^*) \Delta x_k = \sum_{k=1}^{n} f(x_k) \frac{2}{n}$$

= $\frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \left[\left(\frac{2k}{n} \right)^3 + 1 \right] = \frac{2}{n} \left(\frac{2^3}{n^3} \sum_{k=1}^{n} k^3 + \sum_{k=1}^{n} 1 \right)$
= $\frac{2}{n} \left(\frac{2^3}{n^3} \cdot \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4} + n \right)$
= $2 \left[2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^2 + 1 \right] \to 6,$

as $n \to \infty$.

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Example 5 (p. 334) III

The Left Riemann Sum is given by

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(x_k^*) \, \Delta x_{k+1} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(x_k) \cdot \frac{2}{n} \\ &= \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left[\left(\frac{2k}{n} \right)^3 + 1 \right] = \frac{2}{n} \left(\frac{2^3}{n^3} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} k^3 + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{n} \left(\frac{2^3}{n^3} \cdot \frac{n^2(n-1)^2}{4} + n \right) = 2 \left[2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right)^2 + 1 \right] \to 6, \end{split}$$

In fact, we have

$$4\left(1-\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 + 2 \le A \le 4\left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 + 2$$

to hold for every integer *n*. So A = 6.

Exercises

• (p. 338) Write the following sum in summation notation:

 $4 + 9 + 14 + \dots + 44.$

- (p. 339) Given that $\sum_{k=1}^{4} f(1+k) \cdot 1$ is a Riemann sum of a certain function f over an interval [a, b] with a partition of n subdivisions. Identify the f, [a, b] and n.
- Let f(x) = x² and let A be the area under f over the interval [0, 1]. Show that the following inequalities

$$\frac{1}{3}(1-\frac{1}{n})(1-\frac{1}{2n}) \le A \le \frac{1}{3}(1+\frac{1}{n})(1+\frac{1}{2n}).$$

Then show that the area $A = \frac{1}{3}$.

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DEFINITION Definite Integral

A function *f* defined on [*a*, *b*] is **integrable** on [*a*, *b*] if $\lim_{\Delta \to 0} \sum_{k=1}^{n} f(\overline{x}_k) \Delta x_k$ exists

(over all partitions of [a, b] and all choices of \overline{x}_k on a partition). This limit is the **definite integral of** *f* **from** *a* **to** *b*, which we write

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) \, dx = \lim_{\Delta \to 0} \sum_{k=1}^{n} f(\overline{x}_{k}) \, \Delta x_{k}.$$

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Definite Integral notation



x is the variable of integration

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Integrable functions

Theorem 5.2 Let f be a continuous function except on a finite number of discontinuities over the interval [a, b]. Then f is integrable on [a, b]. That is,

$$\lim_{\delta x \to 0} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k^*) \, \Delta x_k = \int_a^b f(x) \, dx,$$

exists irrespective to the x_k^* and the partition $[x_{k-1}, x_k]$ chosen. So

Since f(x) = x² is continuous over [0, 1] so it is integrable and \$\int_{0}^{1} x^{2} dx = \frac{1}{2}\$ according to a previous calculation.
Since f(x) = x³ is continuous over [0, 1] so it is integrable and \$\int_{0}^{1} x^{3} dx = \frac{1}{3}\$ according to a previous calculation.

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Piecewise continuous functions

The following function has a finite number of discontinuities and so is integrable. However, we note that part 2 of the area is negative:



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Negative area



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Negative area



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Net area



Recognizing integral



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Integrable functions

Computing net area



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Exercises

1. Write down the right Riemann sum for $\int_{0}^{2} \sqrt{4-x^2} dx$; 2. Interpret the sum $\lim_{\Delta \to 0} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{3k}{n(1+\frac{3k}{n})}$ as a certain Riemann integral. 3. Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x - 2, & \text{if } x \le 2; \\ -x + 4, & \text{if } x > 2. \end{cases}$ Compute both the net area and actual area of $\int_{0}^{5} f(t) dt$.

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Hints to Exercises

The net area of the last example is given by

$$\int_0^2 (2x-2) \, dx + \int_2^5 (-x+4) \, dx = (x^2-2x) \big|_0^2 + (-x^2/2+4x) \big|_2^5$$
$$= (2^2-2\cdot 2) + \frac{1}{2}(2^2-5^2) + (20-8) = 0 + -\frac{1}{2}\cdot 21 + 12 = \frac{3}{2}.$$

The actual area is given by

$$\begin{split} &\int_0^1 (2x-2) \, dx + \left| \int_1^2 (2x-2) \, dx \right| + \int_2^4 (-x+4) \, dx + \left| \int_4^5 (-x+4) \, dx \right| \\ &= \left| (x^2 - 2x) \right|_0^1 + (x^2 - 2x) \Big|_1^2 + (-x^2/2 + 4x) \Big|_2^4 + \left| (-x^2/2 + 4x) \Big|_4^5 \right| \\ &= |-1| + 1 + 2 + |-\frac{1}{2}| = \frac{9}{2}. \end{split}$$

Properties of Definite Integral

Let f and g be integrable functions on an interval that contains a, b, and c.

- 1. $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 0$ Definition 2. $\int_{a}^{a} f(x) dx = -\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx$ Definition 3. $\int_{-\infty}^{b} [f(x) + g(x)] dx = \int_{-\infty}^{b} f(x) dx + \int_{-\infty}^{b} g(x) dx$ 4. $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} cf(x) dx = c \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx$ For any constant c5. $\int_{-\infty}^{b} f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{c} f(x) dx + \int_{-\infty}^{b} f(x) dx$
- 6. The function |f| is integrable and $\int_a^b |f(x)| dx$ is the sum of the areas of the regions bounded by the graph of f and the *x*-axis on [a, b].

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Sum of integrals



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